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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The listing below of the claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the present application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A method of controlling parking of vehicles in a parking system by which a mobile telephone is used to commence and to terminate parking of a vehicle, said method comprising the steps of: sending by mobile telephone at least one user-specific code directly to a receiving computer associated with the parking system when beginning and terminating a parking period for computing the cost for the parking period upon termination of the parking period, whereby the receiving computer contains parking system usage data that is continuously updated concerning vehicles that have commenced a parking period within the parking system as a result of each parking system user sending an associated user-specific code to the receiving computer upon entering the parking system, at the beginning of a parking period sending directly to the parking system receiving computer by mobile telephone the identity of the parking zone concerned and a vehicle-specific code, storing the parking zone identity and the vehicle-specific code in said receiving computer for each parking system user who has sent a user-specific code when parking is commenced and associating them with the user-specific code, providing a control unit including a mobile telephone having a unique telephone number for direct wireless communication with said receiving

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computer to fetch directly from the receiving computer stored information as to the identity of those vehicles that have commenced but not yet terminated a parking period in the parking zone concerned, which control unit is capable of transmitting a voice message from a parking attendant to the parking system receiving computer, and wherein the control unit mobile telephone serves for sending to a receiving telephone device coupled to said receiving computer a voice message from said attendant which includes an observed vehicle registration number, comparing the observed vehicle registration number with stored registration numbers of logged-in vehicles, and sending to the attendant via the control unit a voice message in which the observed registration number understood by the receiving computer is repeated to the attendant by the control unit and which includes information as to whether the vehicle with which the observed registration number is associated is logged-in or not, and detecting the unique telephone number of the mobile telephone of the parking attendant and storing it in said receiving computer.

Claim 2 (previously presented): A method according to Claim 1, including the step of informing the parking attendant by voice message in which parking zone an observed vehicle is logged-in.

Claim 3 (previously presented): A method according to Claim 2, wherein when free parking is permitted for a predetermined time period and a vehicle is not deemed to be wrongly parked in a relevant parking zone until the predetermined time period has expired, the additional step of storing in the

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receiving computer the registration number of the observed vehicle together with the time at which the parking attendant reported said registration number, and when the parking attendant thereafter again reports the registration number of the observed vehicle and the vehicle is still parked, the step of sending from the receiving computer a voice message to the parking attendant reporting whether the vehicle is still logged-in.

Claim 4 (previously presented): A method according to Claim 1, wherein the receiving telephone device includes a voice interpreting device for interpreting a registration number spoken by the parking attendant.

Claim 5 (previously presented): A method according to Claim 1, wherein the mobile telephone unit of each parking attendant has a unique telephone number and that number is detected by a receiving telephone device and is stored in the receiving computer together with a message sent by the parking attendant.

Claim 6 (previously presented): A method according to Claim 4, wherein the voice interpreting device recognizes and identifies the voice of each parking attendant.

Claim 7 (previously presented): A method according to claim 1, wherein in the event of the receiving computer informing the parking attendant by mobile

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telephone that an observed vehicle is not logged-in, the step of sending a confirmation message from the control unit to the receiving computer by an entry through a keypad of the control unit mobile telephone.

Claim 8 (previously presented): A method according to claim 1, wherein in the event of the receiving computer informing the parking attendant by mobile telephone that an observed vehicle is not logged-in, the step of sending a confirmation message from the control unit to the receiving computer by a voice message.